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PRODUCTION OF HORTICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total cultivated areas under horticultural plants in the country;

(b) the manner in which the Government propose to increase the productivity of horticulture crops so as to increase the income of the farming community;

(c) whether any research has been made to develop superior varieties of fruits;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any programme has been launched to keep the farmers abreast of the latest technology; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): The estimated area under horticulture in the country is around 15.01 million hectares in 1998-99.

(b): The Government propose to increase the productivity of horticulture crops byproviding quality planting material through nurseries tissue culture units, rejuvenatem of old and senile plantations, technology dissemination through demonstration and training Programmes, deploy hi-tech intervention like drip irrigation, green house, plastic mutching besides deploying honey bees as agents of cross pollination for increasing crop productivity. Assistance in this regard can be availed of by the State Govts. underthe Macro Management mode of implementation of various Horticulture Schemes.The Govt. has also sanctioned Technology Mission for Development of Horticulture in the North Eastern States including Sikkim.

(c) & (d): The Indian Council of Agricultural Research have released a large numberof superior varieties of fruits. The important varieties of some fruits which have been released are:

1. Mango : Amrapali, Mallika, Aarka Aruna, Arka Puneet, Arka Anmol, Ratna, Sindhu, Dashehari-51

2. Banana : Co-2, H-1, H-2.

3. Guava : Arka Amulya, Arka Mridula, Lalit.

4. Grapes : Arkavati, Arka Neelmani, Arka Shweta.

5. Papaya : CO-1-6, Pusa Delicious, Pusa Nanha, Pusa Giant, Coorg Honey Dew, Surya.
6. Acid Lime : Pramalini, Vikram, PLM-1, Sai Sarvati.

7 Pomegranate Ganresh, Jyoti, Rubi, Amlidana.

8. Aonla : NA-6, NA-7.

9. Litchi : Swarna Roopa, Sabour Madhu.
10. Sapota : PKM-2
11. Custard Apple Arka Sahan.
12. Apple Lal Ambri, Sunehari, Ambred, Ambrich.

(e) & (f): The Government is providing assistance for training of farmers and fororganising study tours in various aspects relating to the latest developments on crop production, post harvest management etc.